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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of : Walter HURLER  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**In the Specification:**

Please add paragraphs 002, 003, 005, 011, 028 and 036 as follows. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 1, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 23-43 as follows.

**In the Drawings:**

Please cancel the informal drawings, currently on file, in favor of the new formal drawings accompanying the attached Submission.

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[002] This application is a national stage completion of PCT/EP2003/012548 filed November 11, 2003 which claims priority from German Patent Application Serial No. 102 52 682.6 filed November 12, 2002.

[003] Field of the Invention

[005] Background of the Invention

[011] Summary of the Invention

[028] Brief Description of the Drawings

[036] Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments